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ABSTRACT

Easy-to-do toys and activities for infants and toddlers are described, and instructions are included for making and using them. They are time-consuming to make in some instances and may not be very durable, but when an adult makes toys for children they are setting a pattern that helps children become inventive and resourceful later on. The toys and activities are grouped by age: 2 to 8 months, 8 to 16 months, and 16 to 24 months. Records for toddlers are listed, and another section is devoted to action songs and finger rhymes. Mobiles and wall decorations are also suggested for child decorations. Lists are provided for adults on kinds of things to collect, how to organize them, and what kinds of things to buy. (LH)



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TOYS AND ACTIVITIES

FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

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### SOME THOUGHTS ON HOMEMADE TOYS

Most adults can recall that many of their favorite toys in childhood were "homemade" ones. This booklet is all about easy-to-do toys and activities for very young children.

Our adult readers will enjoy following some of the suggestions in these pages, and any toddler who is around will love seeing the toys take shape right before his shining eyes.

Some points to remember about homemade toys are these:

1. Homemade toys take time to make --- sometimes so much time as to be impractical.
2. Homemade toys are not very durable, but they can sometimes be made to last longer if they are covered with contact paper or painted.
3. It is fun to create toys and to see children use and enjoy them.
4. When grown-ups make toys for children they are setting a pattern that helps children to become inventive and resourceful when they grow up.



TOYS FOR THE LITTLEST ONES (2 TO 8 MONTHS)

Rattles and Shakers  
Foam Blocks and Shapes  
Spool Beads and Dolls  
Mirrors  
Paper Plate Foil Mirrors  
Cribmobiles  
Sock Mittens  
Bean Bags  
Simple-to-sew Rag Dolls and Animals

On pages 3 through 11 you will find more detailed instructions for making some of the toys above.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE LITTLEST ONES

Did you know babies love:

putting their hands in paper cups  
putting their hands in empty kleenex boxes  
the sound and vibrations of squeeze toys  
being squeezed against their tummies and faces  
crawling over an adult caregiver who is sitting  
on the floor  
seeing and hearing clapping sounds  
listening to music

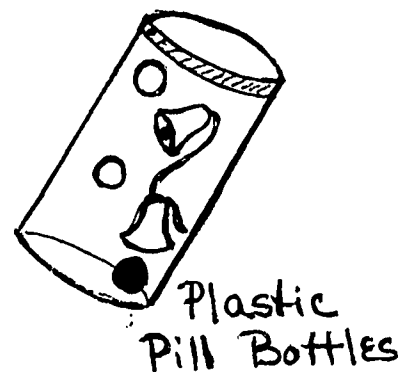


TOYS FOR THE LITTLEST ONES (2 TO 8 MONTHS)

RATTLES AND SHAKERS

Needed:

- Small plastic pill bottles
- Aerosol can tops
- Vienna Sausage cans
- Permanent weatherproof glue
- Bells, beads, gravel, small bits of styrofoam packing, etc.



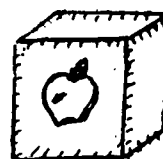
Rattles are easily made by putting objects such as bells and beads in a variety of sizes and shapes of bottles. Small clear plastic pill bottles are popular for making "holdable" see-through rattles for babies.

Other rattles and shakers can be made from such containers as empty aerosol can lids, vienna sausage cans, empty plastic playing card boxes, or the lids from timmy tummy cups. Just glue the lids or cans together with a strong glue (Goodyear's Pilo Bond Super Glue is good for this purpose, while a regular white glue is not strong enough.) Then, after the glue has dried, tape around the lids several times with colorful plastic tape. To make the rattles even more interesting, you can paint faces or colorful pictures on the outside of the cans, lids, or bottles.



Aerosol  
Can Tops





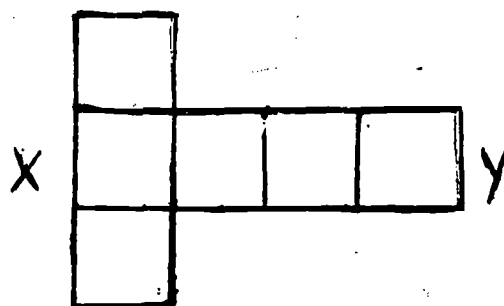
# TOYS FOR THE LITTLEST ONES (2 TO 8 MONTHS)

## FOAM BLOCKS AND SHAPES

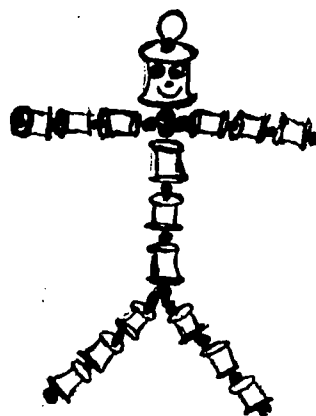
Needed:

- 6 - 4" square pieces of colored felt
- Needle
- Thread
- Foam, cotton, or kapok, or old hosiery, for stuffing
- Scissors

Machine or hand stitch blocks as shown. Form square by sewing sides  $x$  and  $y$  together, and then sew all but one side of the block. Stuff the block with foam, cotton or kapok or old hose that have been cut into small strips. Pack the block tightly and then hand stitch the open end of the block. To decorate the block, glue or sew on felt pieces of contrasting colors that are cut into shapes: flowers, letters, numbers, etc. onto the blocks.







### SPOOL BEADS AND DOLLS

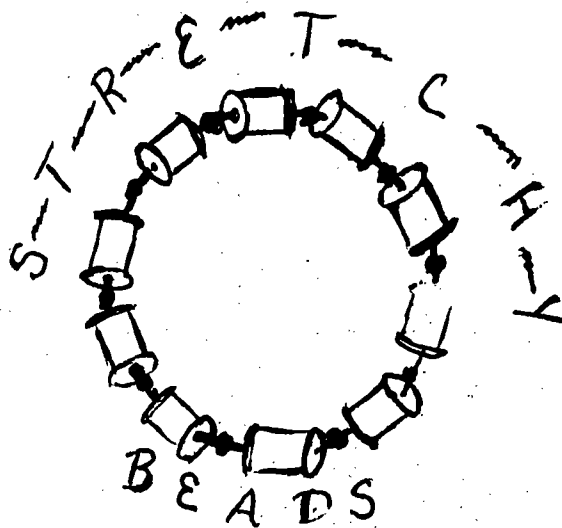
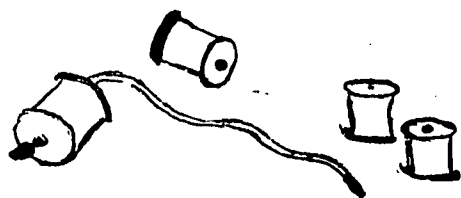
Needed:

- 15 to 20 empty thread spools
- 1/4" wide elastic cording
- 1 can aerosol spray enamel in a bright color

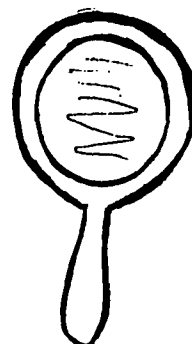
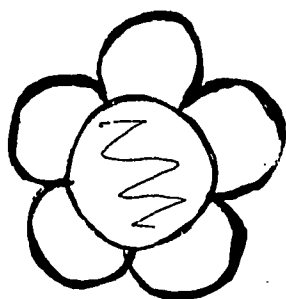
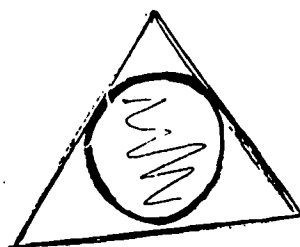
Just thread the elastic cord through 15 or more painted spools and tie the ends of the cord together in a double knot to make a stretchable necklace for baby.

To make a spool doll, you will need a larger spool for the head and about ten or twelve smaller spools for the body, arms, and legs. You will also need to tie two cross pieces of elastic onto a longer center piece of elastic for the arms and legs. The elastic cord should be knotted between each spool and it should have double knots on each end spool. This makes a nice doll to hang over an infant's crib.

Infants and older toddlers will enjoy playing with these spool toys. Older toddlers may also enjoy stringing spools on shoestrings.







### MIRRORS FOR BABIES

#### Needed:

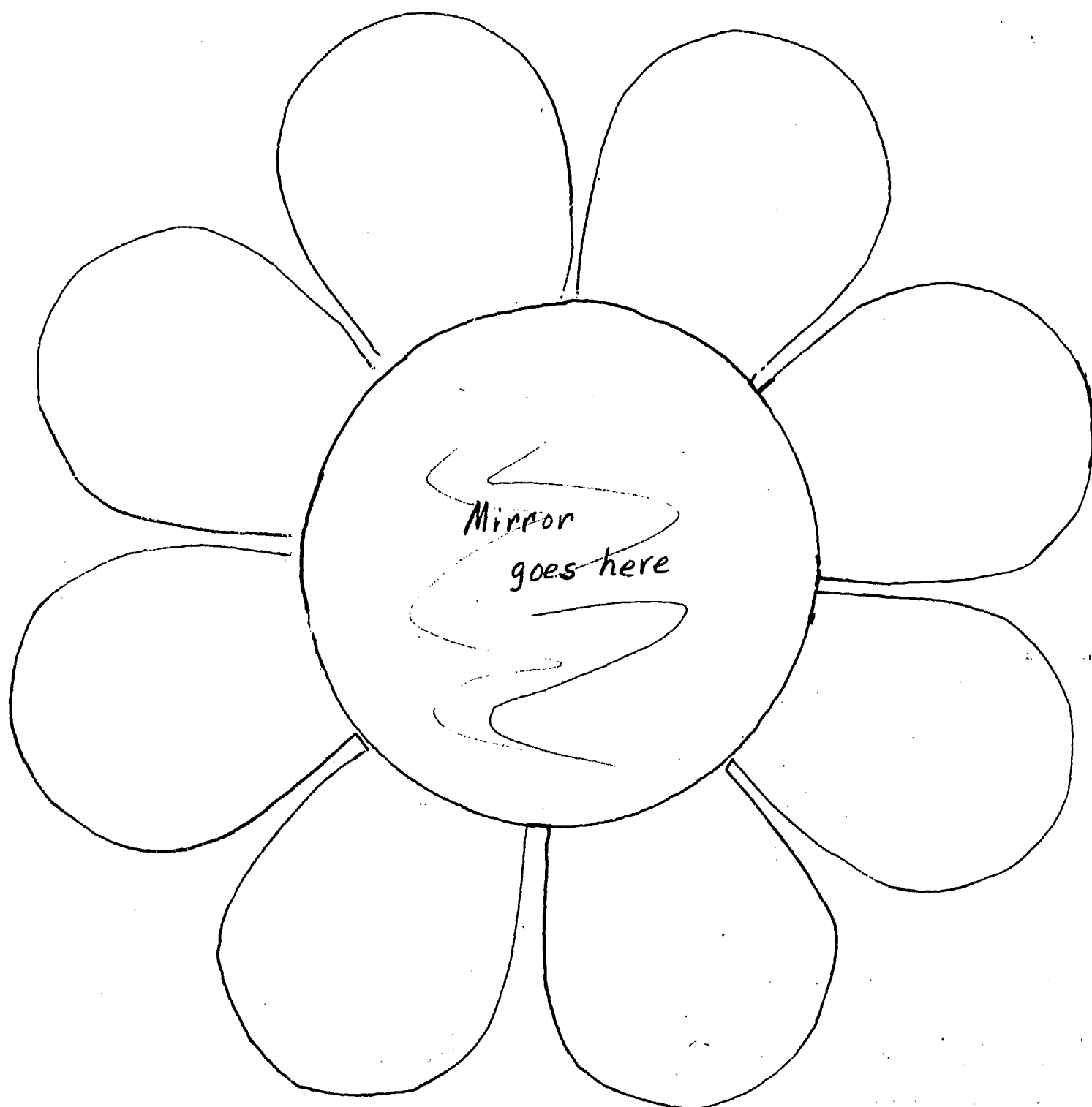
- 1 Small unbreakable wide-angle car mirror
- 8" Cardboard or plywood square
- Razor blade cutter
- Permanent weather-proof glue
- Contact paper

A nice and safe mirror for infants is a small unbreakable wide-angle car mirror. Such mirrors may be purchased for about one dollar in automotive departments of hardware or department stores.

The mirrors can be used alone for the baby to hold in his hand or they may be glued to the crib or a similar hard surface.

A more decorative mirror can be made by mounting one of these mirrors onto a pretty shape which has been cut from a piece of cardboard or plywood. A flower is a nice shape for this (see actual size pattern on next page). It can be cut from 8" cardboard square with a razor blade cutter or a small electric hand saw. To make the shape more colorful and durable, cover it with an interesting and gay piece of contact paper.





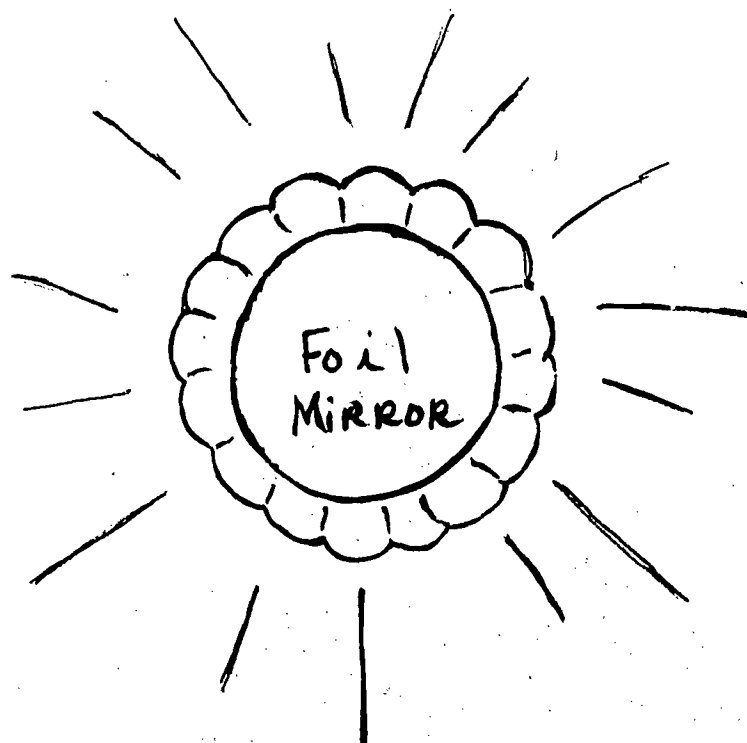


PAPER PLATE FOIL MIRROR

Needed:

2 Heavy weight paper plates  
Heavy duty aluminum foil  
Glue  
Transparent tape

Glue an 8-inch circular piece of aluminum foil to the center front of a paper plate. Then take a matching paper plate and cut a 7-inch circle from the middle of the plate. Now, glue and tape the rims of the plates together.







### CRIB MOBILE

Needed:

42" Heavy cord or rope  
5 to 10 Small Christmas bells  
5 or 6 Clothespins  
4 to 6 Swatches of colorful or textured fabric  
Assortment of safe household articles such as  
measuring cups, measuring spoons, jar lids,  
toothbrushes, etc.

For an interesting crib mobile that can be varied each week, tie the heavy cord across the rails of the crib and tie or hang (with clothespins) some of the following articles:

Measuring spoons and cups

Tooth brushes

Pretty match boxes

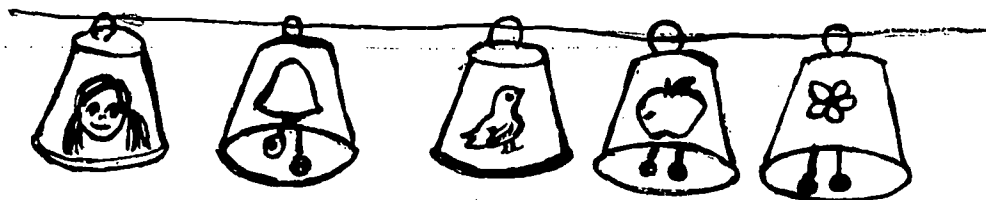
Small safe toys (rattle, small car, airplane)

Paper dolls

Pictures

Bags made of interesting textured fabrics  
which have small bells, small jar lids,  
or other noisy objects sewn inside.





### BELL MOBILE

#### Needed:

- 42" Heavy cord or ribbon
- 5 Inexpensive opaque plastic cups
- 4 Small jingle bells
- 1 Large Needle
- Heavy weight transparent fishing line

An inexpensive musical toy can be made by punching two holes in the bottom of five plastic cups and threading the jingle bells with short pieces of fishing line. Tie the cups onto a cord at regular intervals and attach them to the rails of the crib.

The cups may be decorated with printed contact paper or paper cutouts covered with clear contact paper.

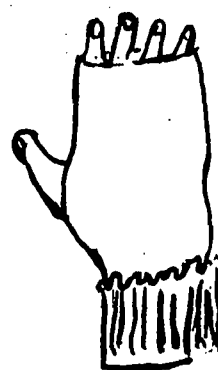
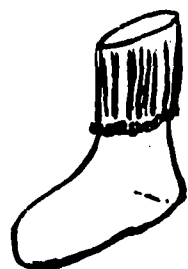


### SOCK MITTENS

#### Needed:

2 Brightly colored infant socks  
Scissors  
Needle and thread

A baby can practice finding his hands after someone puts a small brightly colored sock over each hand. For best results, cut a small slit for the thumb in the heel of the sock, and cut off the toe portion of the sock for the fingers. Hem the cut edges and slip babies' thumb and fingers into the appropriate openings.





TOYS FOR THE HIGH CHAIR AGE (8 TO 16 MONTHS)

Musical Roller Toy  
Turntable of Pictures  
Match Box Picture Push  
Sealed Plastic Bottles of Colored Water  
Coffee Can Drums  
Large Empty Boxes  
and  
Many of the toys mentioned for the littlest ones

On pages 13 through 17 you will  
find more detailed instructions  
for making some of the toys listed  
above.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE HIGH CHAIR AGE

Remember these favorite toddler games:

The Peek-A-Boo Game

The Pat-A-Cake Game

The Bye-Bye Routine

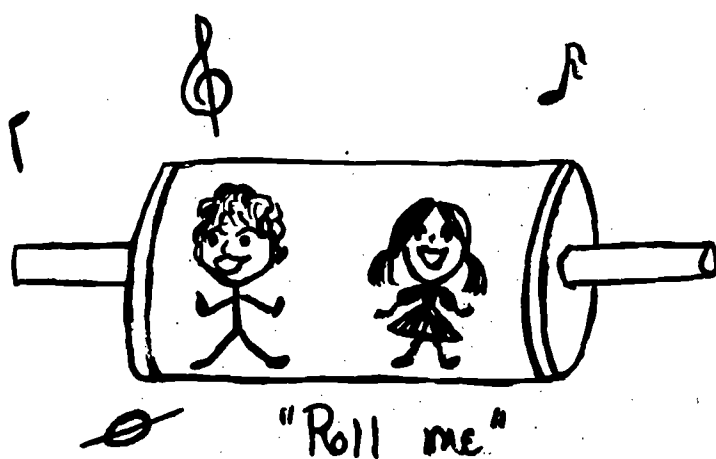


### MUSICAL ROLLER TOY

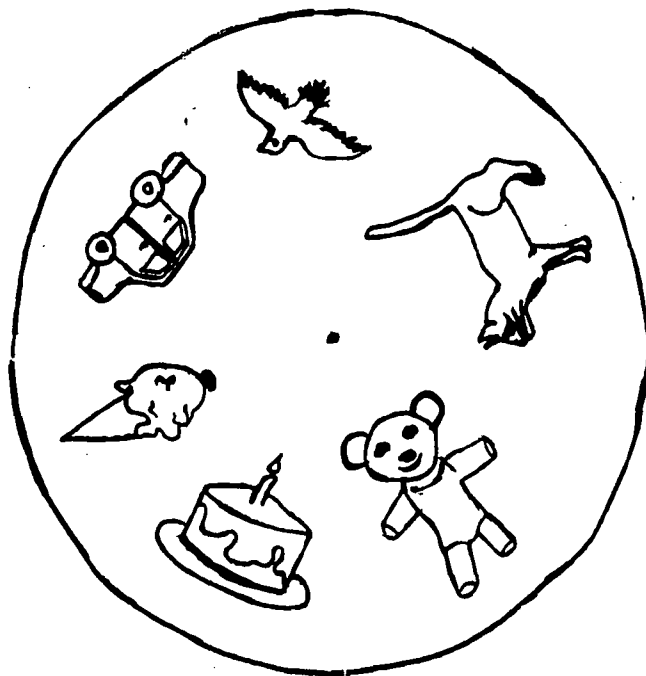
Needed:

3 Gallon ice cream container and lid  
18" tube  
Scissors  
Bells  
Glue  
Magazine pictures  
1 Yard clear contact paper

To make this roller toy, cut a small hole in each end of the ice cream container. The holes should be the diameter of your 18" tube which will be inserted through the holes. Before inserting the tube, however, put inside a few bells, jar lids, or materials for sound effects. Now you are ready to glue pretty pictures all around the body of the container and then to cover it with clear contact paper.







### TURNTABLE OF PICTURES

#### Needed:

Small kitchen-aid turntable  
Magazine pictures  
Glue  
Clear contact paper.

Just glue simple, colorful pictures around the top of the turntable and cover it with clear contact paper to make this toy last longer.

This is a toy that can be used to help the toddler learn to name simple objects, animals, birds, foods, etc. It has added interest for the child because the pictures "move."

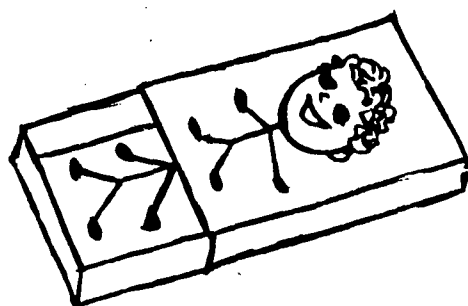


MATCH BOX PICTURE PUSH

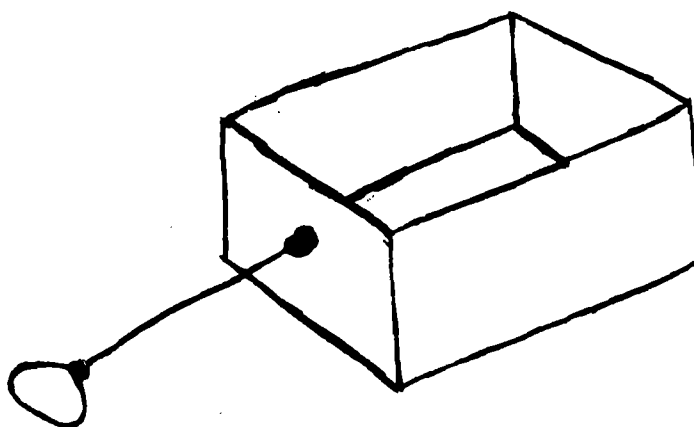
Needed:

Match box  
Small magazine picture  
Glue

The little ones enjoy pushing the drawers in and out of match boxes. To make the match box more interesting, glue pretty pictures inside as well as on the outside of the box. Then you have a "match box picture push."







### SHOEBOX PULLTOY

#### Needed:

Shoebbox  
24" cord  
Contact paper  
Scissors

Fasten sturdy cord through one end of a shoe box and knot the cord on each side of the hole through which the cord has been threaded. For durability, cover the box in a colorful contact paper.

Small cardboard cartons may also be made into pull toys that are used as wagons.



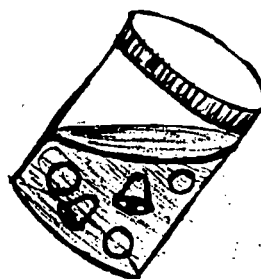
SEALED PLASTIC BOTTLES OF COLORED WATER

Needed:

Clear plastic bottles  
Food coloring  
Bells, plastic beads  
Permanent waterproof glue  
Tape

Fill a plastic bottle with water that has been tinted prettily with food coloring. For added interest, put bells or plastic beads in the container. Now glue the lid onto the bottle. After the glue has dried, tape around the lid two or three times to secure it firmly.

Small children enjoy turning these bottles up and down, looking at the light through the bottle, shaking them to "make bubbles" inside, and so on.





TOYS FOR THE TODDLER TO TWO-YEAR-OLD (16 TO 24 MONTHS)

Cloth Books  
Doodad Trays  
Cardboard Box or Dishpan TV  
Stacking and Nesting Cans  
Cardboard Box Playhouse or Think Tank  
Stick Horses  
Puppets  
Foam Felt Funny Face Game  
Sand Pails and Buckets  
Flying Saucers and Birds on a String  
Oatmeal Box Cradle

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE TODDLER TO TWO-YEAR-OLD

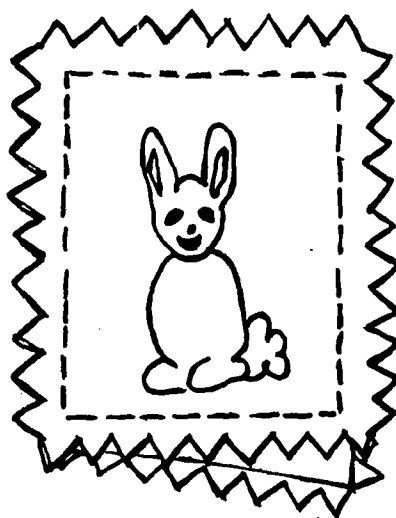
Pretend grocery shopping  
Blowing and catching bubbles  
Painting with paint brushes and water outdoors  
Simple singing games  
Flying paper airplanes, flying saucers, birds, and  
kites on strings  
Dancing with gauzy scarfs  
Providing the action as records are played <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See pages 31 and 34 for action songs and finger  
rhymes

<sup>2</sup> See page 30 for list of activity records





### CLOTH PICTURE BOOK

#### Needed:

6 to 8" squares of heavy cloth  
Cut-outs of primary shapes, familiar animals,  
flowers  
Needle and thread  
Pinking shears  
Glue

Let your imagination take over to make a delightful textured picture book for a child. Felt or some other heavy fabric may be used for each page, or the book can be made using different textured fabrics such as velvet, corduroy, polyester knit, taffeta, etc. for each page. On each page sew or glue a picture cut-out in a contrasting color or fabric. Vary the book by giving a bunny cut-out a tail of "real" cotton, ribbons and yarn for hair, or by giving a bird a tail of real feathers.

Children especially enjoy "do it" books which have a zipper page, a button or snap-it page, a page with a glove sewn on, or a mitten, or a sock, etc.



### DOODAD TRAYS

**Needed:**

Discarded plastic plate or tray

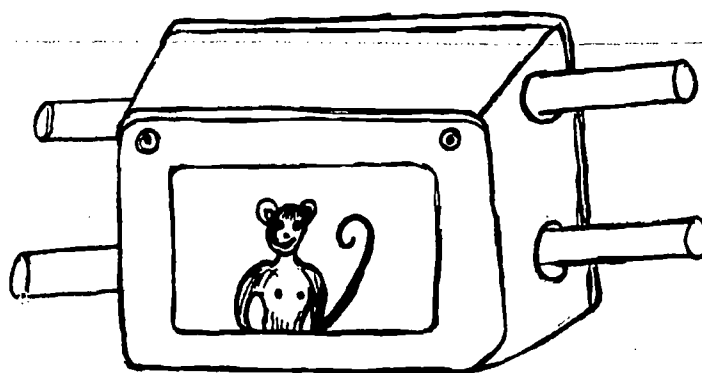
3 or 4 Small plastic cups

Permanent waterproof glue

Small toys and household doodads  
(measuring spoons, thread spools,  
pieces of yarn, jar lids, etc.)

Glue plastic cups to the plate or tray. Fill cups with small toys and household doodads. To prevent small toys being scattered everywhere, an adult may sit with the child while he enjoys taking the doodads out of the cups and dropping them back inside again.





### ROLLER TV

#### Needed:

- Plastic dishpan or cardboard box
- Two tubes or broomstick handles cut several inches longer than the box is long
- Razor blade cutter or sharp knife
- Scissors
- Glue
- Tape
- Roll of meat wrapping paper

To make your TV-viewing window, cut a rectangular hole out of the bottom of a dishpan or a cardboard box. Then cut two holes into which the roller tubes fit tightly, on each side of the dishpan.

To make your TV program, glue magazine pictures onto the roll of meat wrapping paper. Insert rollers in TV set and tape the ends of the roll of paper onto the two tubes. Now you're ready for the next program!

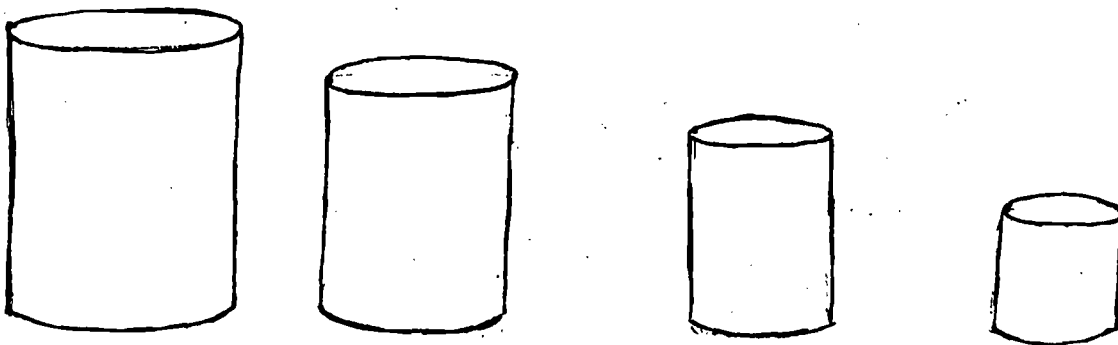


### STACKING OR NESTING CANS

Needed:

Empty food tins of varying sizes  
Contact paper (or paint)

Collect food cans that are of varying sizes until you have a collection of four or five that will fit neatly inside each other. Be sure the top rims are smooth to protect small fingers from sharp edges. Cover the tins with bright contact paper or paint them for added attractiveness and durability.





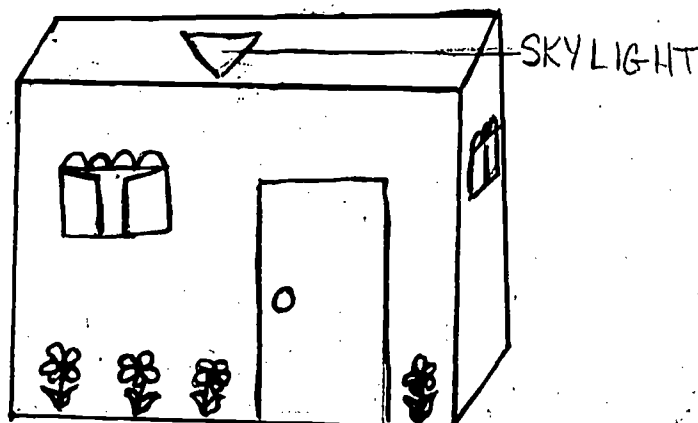
Play House or "Think Tank"

Needed:

Large appliance box  
Contact paper  
Magazine pictures  
Glue  
Scissors  
Razor blade cutter

A playhouse can be made by covering a large appliance box with contact paper and cutting holes for a door and a window.

The playhouse can double as a "THINK TANK". Place a small chair or stool inside the house. Glue interesting pictures to the inside walls and ceiling of the box.





### STICK HORSE

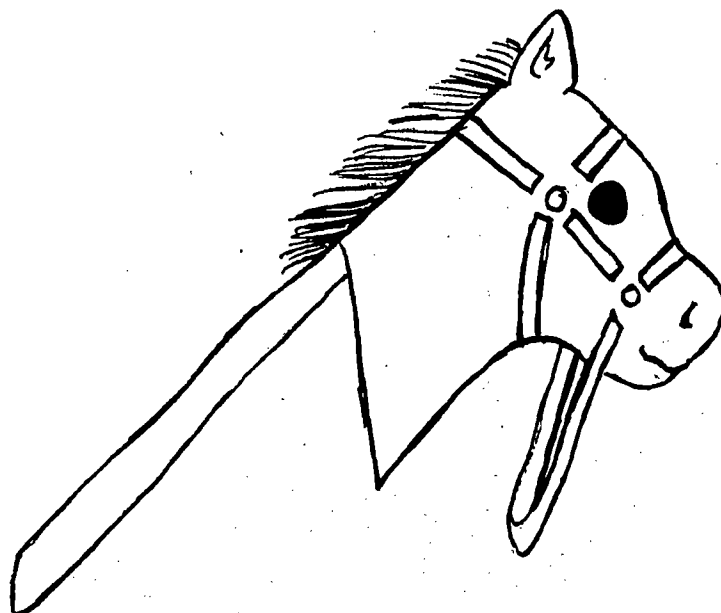
Needed:

- 2 - 9" squares of heavy fabric
- 1 Broomstick handle
- 2 Bells or buttons
- Yarn
- Stuffing

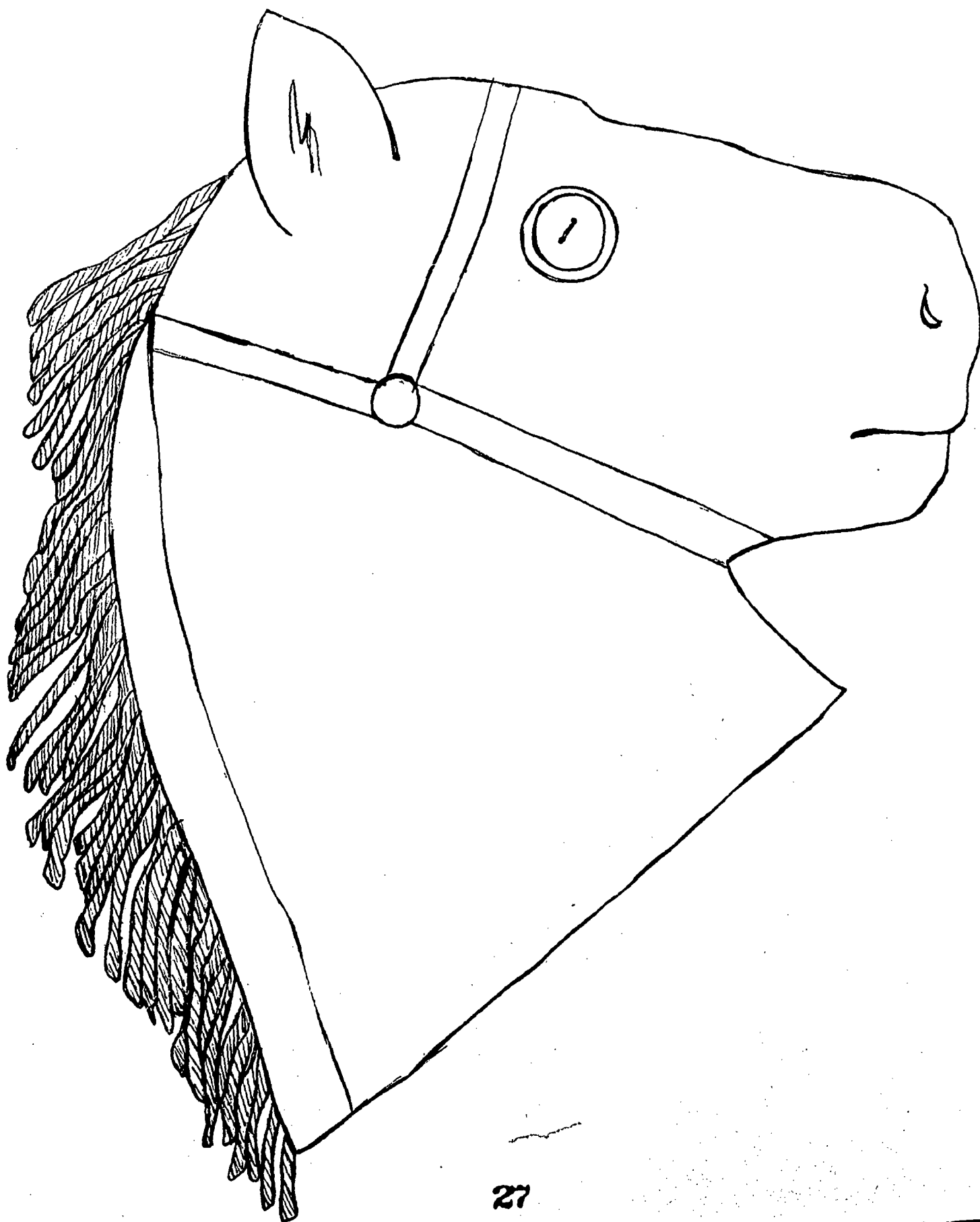
Cut horse head by pattern (see next page) and sew outer edges together except for the bottom. Stuff with cotton, foam, or hose that have been cut into small pieces.

Insert broomstick inside along mane side of head and secure by stitching with heavy duty thread around the broomstick and side of the horse head.

Use buttons for eyes, felt cut-outs for mouth and nose, and yarn for the mane.









### FOAM-FELT FUNNY-FACE GAME

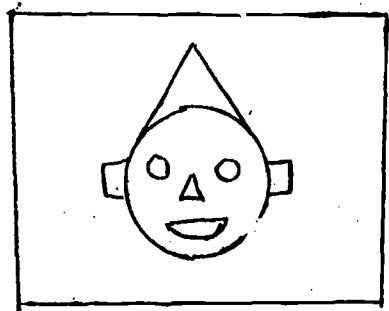
Needed:

Rubber foam  
Cardboard square or box lid  
Several pieces of colored felt  
Magic Marker  
Scissors

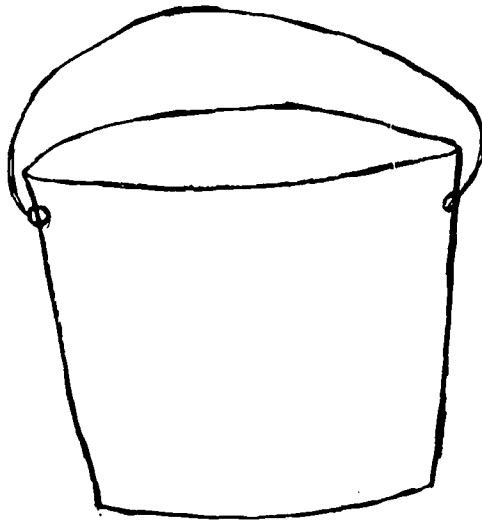
Glue a piece of thin foam into the lid of a box or onto a square of heavy cardboard. Draw a large circle on the foam with a Magic Marker for the outline of the face. Then make felt cut-outs in different colored shapes for the eyes, nose, mouths, hats, etc.

The adult can show children how to make pictures or designs on the foam board with the shapes, or she can use it to help tell a story.

This toy can be made from free scrap foam found in packing cases.







### Sand Pails and Buckets

#### Needed:

Empty plastic food container  
Razor blade cutter or knife  
12" Rope or heavy cord  
Ice pick

Punch two holes in opposite sides of an empty plastic food container. Insert the rope or cord into the holes and knot on the inside. Now, you have an easy-to-make non-rusting pail for sand play and for carrying or storing small treasures.

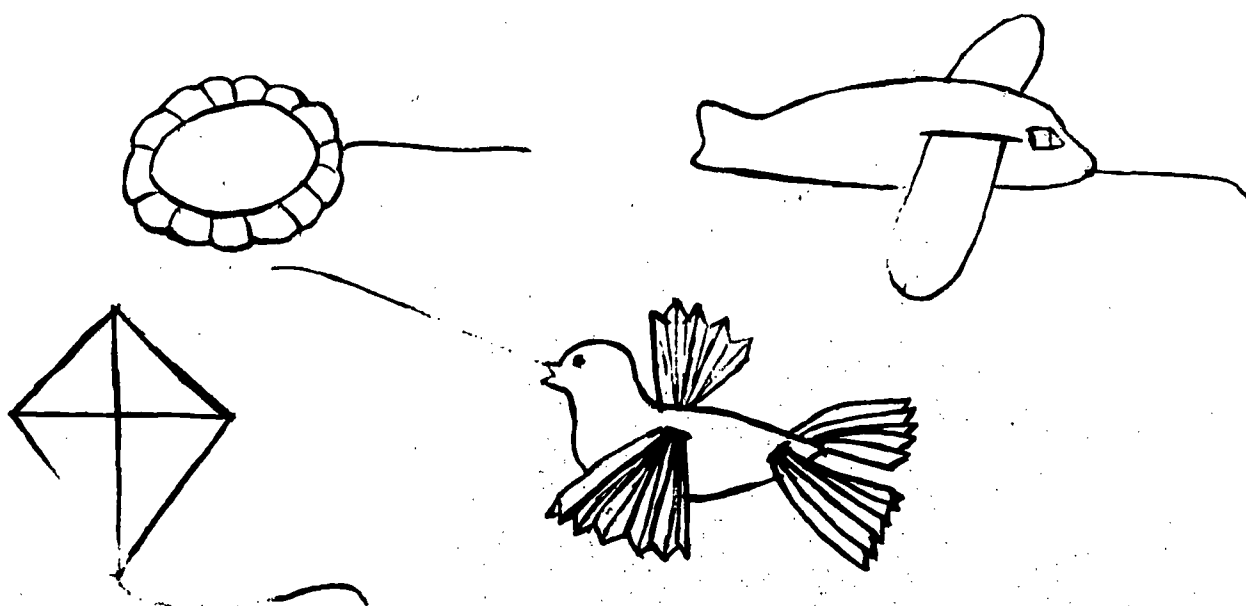


Paper Airplanes, Flying Saucers, Kites and Birds on a String

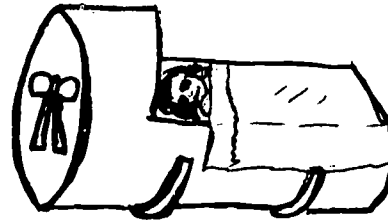
Needed:

Construction paper  
Paper plates (for flying saucers)  
20" pieces of yarn  
Scissors  
Tape  
Staples

Cut body and wings of airplanes, birds, and kites from construction paper. Insert wings in airplanes and birds through slits cut in the bodies and tape into position. Staple a piece of yarn to the end of your flying toy. When the child runs with it outdoors, his individual bird, airplane, kite or saucer will "fly".





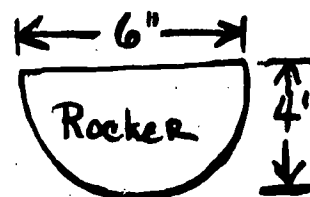
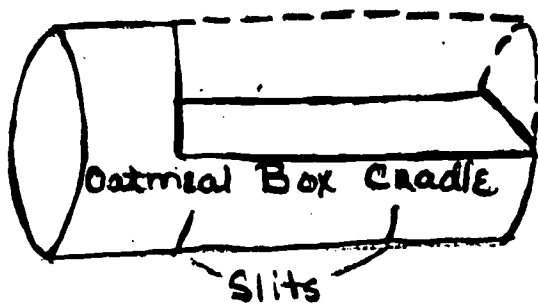


### OATMEAL BOX CRADLE

Needed:

Oatmeal box  
2 - 6" Squares of lightweight cardboard  
Scissors  
Contact paper or paint

Cut side of an oatmeal box as this diagram indicates. Then cut two rockers from cardboard and insert them in the slits at the bottom of the cradle. Paint or cover the cradle in contact paper. And now, place a tiny doll in cradle and cover her with a handkerchief blanket.





RECORDS FOR TODDLERS

RECORDS

RECORDING COMPANY

Where are your Eyes? (2-A)  
 Big and Little (2-B)  
 Nice (1-A)  
 What Does Baby See? (4-A)  
 Clap Hands (5-A)  
 Up, Up, Up (5-B)  
 Peek-a-Boo  
 Baby's Bath

Pram Records  
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Sunday in the Park  
 Jump Back, Little Toad

Children's Record Guild  
 Children's Record Guild

Whoa Little Horses, Lie Down  
 I'm Dressing Myself  
 The Sleepy Family  
 When the Sun Shines  
 Let's Play Zoo

Young People's Records  
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Counting Games and Rhythms  
     for Little Ones (FC-7056)  
 Children's Songs (FC-7036)  
 Rhythm Games and Songs  
     by Ella Jenkins (FC-7057)  
 American Folk Songs for Children  
     by Pete Seegers

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ACTION SONGS AND FINGER RHYMES FOR TODDLERS

RING AROUND THE ROSIE

Ring around the rosie  
A pocket full of posies  
Downstairs, Upstairs,  
SQUAT!

LONDON BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN

London Bridge is falling down,  
falling down, falling down  
London Bridge is falling down,  
My fair lady.

POP GOES THE WEASEL

All around the cobbler's bench  
The monkey chased the weasel  
That's the way the monkey goes  
POP goes the weasel.



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THIS IS THE WAY WE WASH OUR CLOTHES

(Tune: Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush)

This is the way we wash our clothes,  
wash our clothes, wash our clothes  
This is the way we wash our clothes  
Early Monday Morning.

This is the way we iron our clothes,  
iron our clothes, iron our clothes  
This is the way we iron our clothes  
Early Tuesday morning.

This is the way we sweep our floor,  
sweep our floor, sweep our floor  
This is the way we sweep our floor  
Early Wednesday morning.

Note: This song is fun to vary by substituting other familiar activities for the main verse such as: This is the way we take a walk --- or this is the way we drive a car --- or this is the way we rock a baby --- and any other verses you would like to sing to this old familiar tune.

THE WHEELS ON THE BUS

(Tune: Here We Go Around The Mulberry Bush)

The wheels on the bus go round and round,  
round and round, round and round  
The wheels on the bus go round and round,  
all through the town.

The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep  
beep, beep, beep, beep, beep, beep  
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep  
all through the town.

The baby on the bus goes wah, wah, wah, etc.

The people on the bus go up and down, up and down, etc.

The money on the bus goes ding-a-ling, etc.

The driver on the bus says, "Move on back," etc.

The dog on the bus goes "woof," "woof," "woof," etc.



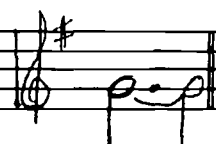
## WAKE UP



WAKE UP, WAKE UP, YOU SLEEPY HEADS, THE SUN IS SHINING



OVERHEAD. IT'S TIME TO GET OUT OF BED. IT'S TIME TO GET

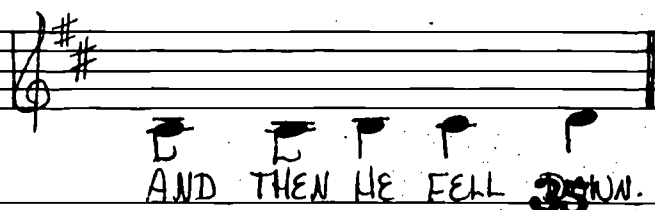


UP.

## RIDE A HORSEY



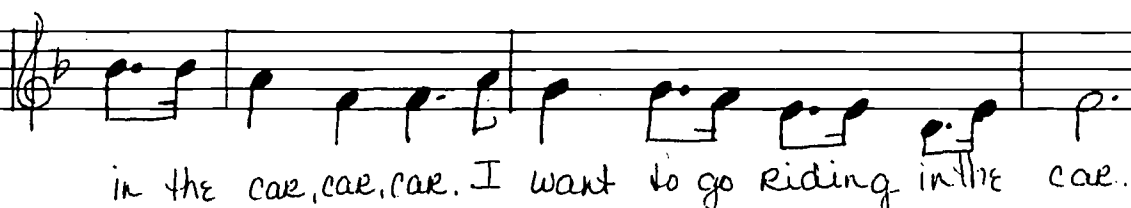
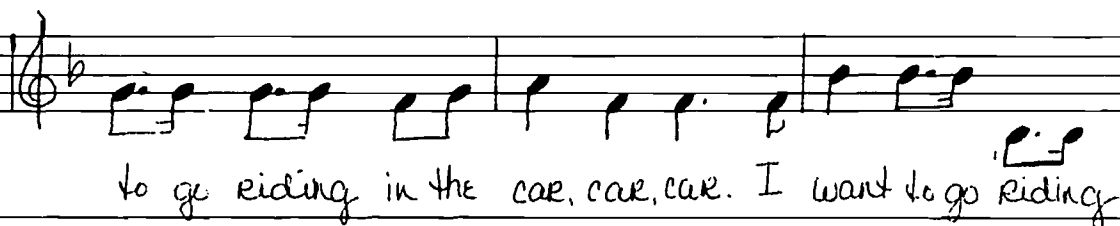
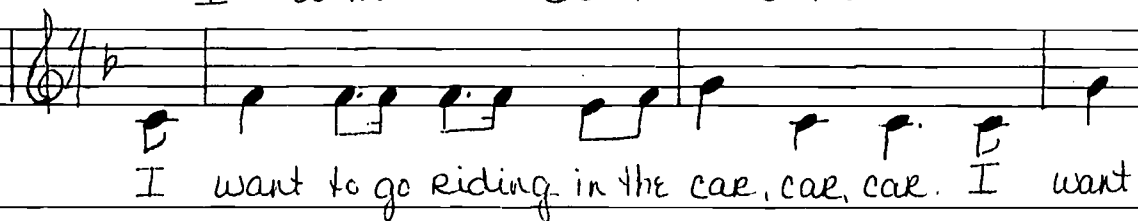
RIDE A HORSEY TO LONDON TOWN. AROUND, AROUND.



AND THEN HE FELL DOWN.



# I WANT TO GO RIDING IN THE CAR



Second verse: Mary wants to ride in the front seat  
Johnny wants to ride in the back seat

Janle wants to ride in the front seat  
We all want to ride in the car.

Note: At the end of each verse make a car motor sound for the children by making a vibrating noise through your lips. Small children like to learn making this funny noise.



THIS LITTLE PIGGY

This little piggy went to market,  
This little piggy stayed home,  
This little piggy had roast beef,  
This little piggy had none,  
This little piggy cried, "Wee, wee, wee"  
All the way home.

PAT-A-CAKE

Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake,  
Baker's Man  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.  
Stir him up,  
Roll him up,  
Put him in the pan.

TEN LITTLE MONKEYS

There were ten little monkeys jumping on the bed  
One fell off and broke his head  
They called for the doctor, and the doctor said,  
"That's what you get for jumping on the bed."

Note: Use the Ten Little Monkeys finger rhyme with the two-year-olds and make up accompanying hand motions. Also, it is fun to change the volume and tone of your voice when you are reciting this finger rhyme. The children will enjoy jumping like little monkeys and pointing their fingers and saying, "That's what you get for jumping on the bed!"

Many of the favorite nursery rhymes for action plays are from Mother Goose. Some favorites for little children are: "Diddle, Diddle Dumpling, My Son John", "Little Miss Muffet", "Jack, Jump Over the Candlestick", "Ride-A-Cock Horse", etc.



# FAVORITE IDEAS FOR ALL THE LITTLE ONES

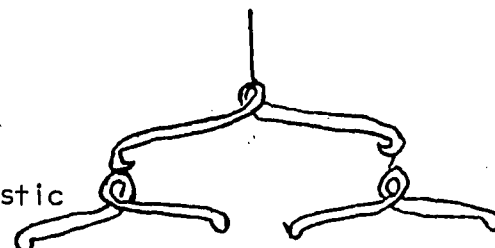
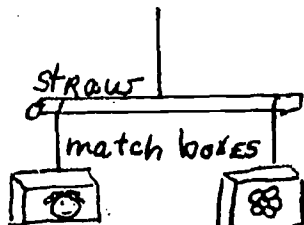
Mobiles for the Wind ...

For Musical Sounds ...

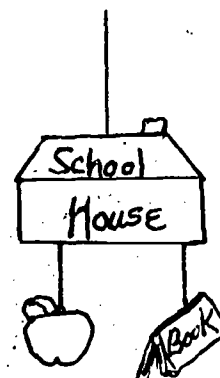
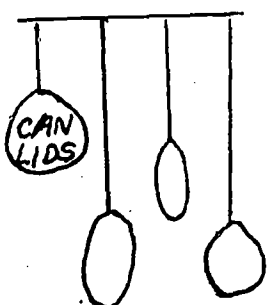
For Pretty Shapes ...

Mobiles that hang from the ceiling are lovely additions to nursery rooms. Always in motion, they are nevertheless soothing to watch as the baby drops off to sleep or the toddler waits to be fed.

Some good materials to use are:



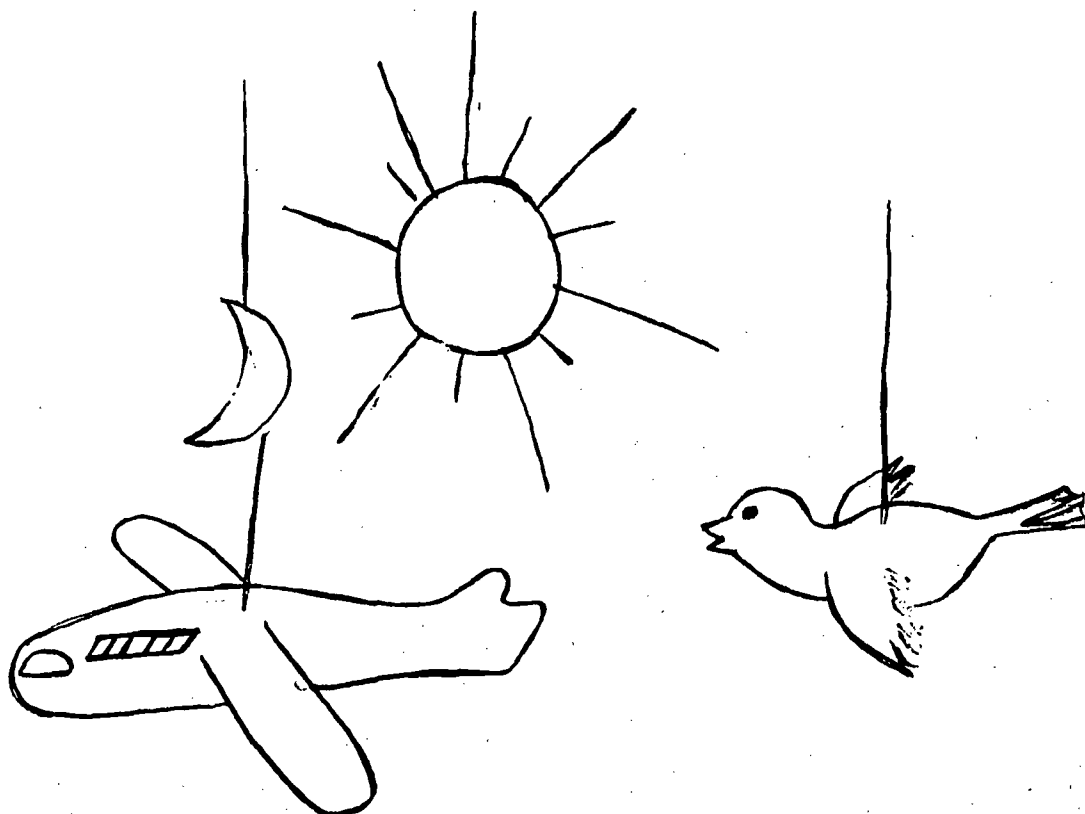
1. Clothes hangers, plastic metal or wood.
2. Decorated match boxes
3. Colorful plastic shapes
4. Pictures glued on cardboard
5. Plastic straws, cut in various lengths
6. Decorated egg carton sections
7. Butterflies, birds, stars, etc. which have been cut from milk cartons and sprayed with glitter or covered with contact paper
8. Bells, lids from tin cans, wood rods, and other materials that make musical sounds
9. Transparent fish leader - 20 pound weight (This is the best material to hang mobiles)





FOR THOSE WHO LOVE MOBILES .....

If you are a person who can't live without mobiles, then you might follow the lead of this teacher. Hang many single strings of transparent fishing line from the ceiling or light fixtures. For each season of the year or for different holidays attach appropriate items to the strings. Some things you can hang are multicolored fall leaves, paper snowflakes, plastic icicles, small airplanes, or rockets, birds, the sun, moon, and stars ...





## WALL DECORATIONS FOR FUN .....

### ..... FOR CONVERSATION .....

For the littlest ones to the toddlers simple decorations make the nursery walls cheerful and interesting. They are especially important after seven months of age when a baby is beginning to talk. Small children take notice of new wall decorations and enjoy having the caregiver hold them up to a new picture and talk about it. For the youngest children, uncomplicated pictures and cutout shapes are probably most effective.

Although inexpensive prints in primary colors may be bought at stores or school supply houses, there are many types of homemade wall decorations that are equally or more effective.

### TYPES OF WALL DECORATIONS

1. Simple construction paper cutouts
2. Magazine pictures
3. Simple cutouts of foam rubber, painted with food coloring or other nontoxic paints
4. Multicolored felt cutouts sewn or stapled together
5. Flowers and caterpillars made from egg cartons and pipe cleaners.
6. Flowers made from tissue paper.
7. Paper place mats in attractive flower prints or stripes
8. Sheets of gift wrap paper in soft or bright colors



SUBJECTS FOR WALL DECORATIONS ...

1. Pictures of babies and babies' possessions such as cup, spoon, shoes, cap
2. Familiar animals
3. Familiar flowers
4. Large graphic cutouts or pictures of children which clearly show the face and body
5. Seasonal and special subject decorations such as a large Christmas tree for Christmas, a carousel of circus animals, etc.
6. The child's own handprints and footprints

TO REMEMBER ABOUT WALL DECORATIONS ...

1. Change the decorations every two weeks or as soon as the children's interest seems to lag.
2. Put some decorations on the wall beside each child's crib.
3. Put a decoration near the eating area.
4. Use wall decorations to suggest themes important to your room, such as children eating if you are just beginning to feed children at a table, or children sleeping if naptimes are a problem, and so on.
5. Masking tape will hold up most wall decorations without damaging the paint; however, for hard-to-stick surfaces like cement and cinder block, strapping tape is preferable.



FOR THE ADULT . . .

THINGS TO COLLECT . . .

Aerosol can tops

Beads -- large ones

Boxes -- card boxes, match boxes, shoe boxes, kleenex boxes

Buttons -- big ones

Cans -- coffee, fruit juice, soup, vienna sausage, etc.

Cartons -- large appliance cartons, egg cartons, fruit shipping cartons

Clorox jugs -- plastic containers for liquid soap, etc.

Cloth scraps -- all textures, colors, designs

Corks

Feathers

Food containers -- plastic, aluminum

Magazine pictures -- post cards, prints, etc.

Oat meal and corn meal boxes

Paper cups, plastic tumblers

Papers -- scraps of all kinds, gift wrap, contact paper, wall paper, construction papers, etc.

Plastic bottles -- with screw tops, pill bottles, all sizes

Spools

String -- yarn, ribbon

Styrofoam

Tubes

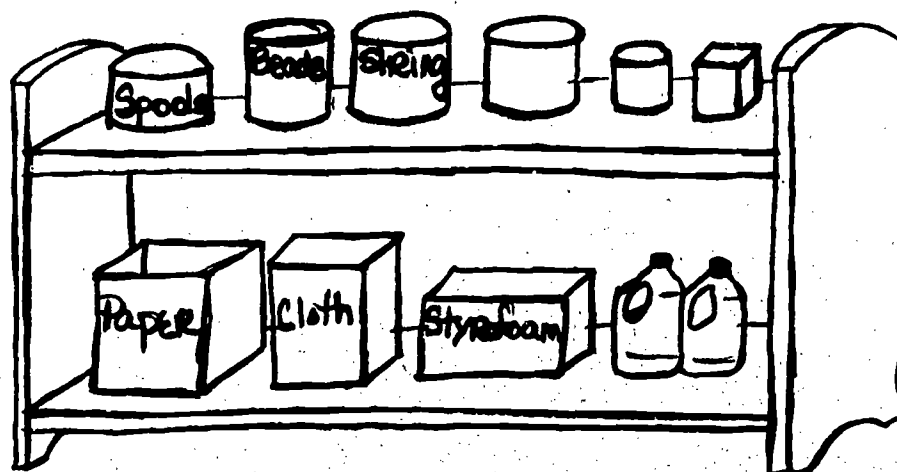
Wheels



AND WHEN YOU HAVE

A BIG BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION . . .

. . . a way to organize them





<u>THINGS TO BUY</u>	<u>WHERE TO BUY</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE COST</u>
Pile Bond Super Glue by Goodyear	Variety or Discount Store	\$ .69 tube
Strapping tape	" " " "	.69 roll
Transparent tape	" " " "	.39 roll
Transparent fishing leader (20 lb. weight)	" " " "	.49 for 20 yds.
Polyethylene plastic tubes (Golf club protectors)	" " " "	.19 each
Elastic cordng	" " " "	.39 for 3 yds
Plastic dishpan	" " " "	.49 each
Kitchen Aid turntable	" " " "	1.29 each
Wide angle car mirror	" " " "	1.19 each
Contact paper	" " " "	.39 yd.
Bells (Christmas bells)	" " " "	.49 per doz.
Pipe cleaners	" " " "	.19 pkg.
Spray paint	" " " "	.98 per cannister
Tin snips	" " " "	2.98 each
Razor blade cutter	Art Supply Store	1.49 each
3 qt. ice cream carton	Local dairy shipping dept.	.35 each